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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

HOPKINTON, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows :

Cash received for Savings bank tax,	\$2,175 18
Railroad tax,	174 93
Literary fund,	129 13
Insurance tax,	5 25
County paupers,	758 94
Sale of hearse wheels,	22 00
License for exhibition,	1 00
J. Richardson's heirs' tax,	8 96
Plank sold J. W. Wilson,	1 00
Sale of liquor by former agent,	167 72
Pauper money refunded,	7 00
Rent of house,	12 00
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	\$3,463 11

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid into town treasury,	
as per treasurer's receipts,	\$3,463 11

2d. An account wherein they find the selectmen charged with orders drawn on the treasurer, amounting to \$12,675 99

Which is accounted for as follows :

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	\$219 81
2,	132 60
3,	139 06
4,	116 45
5,	113 22
6,	132 60
7,	158 44
8,	113 22
9,	103 53
10,	284 41
11,	174 59
12,	100 30
13,	122 91
14,	100 30
16,	126 14
17,	129 37
18,	80 92
19,	126 14
20 & 21,	268 43
24,	113 22
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	\$2,855 66

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State tax,	\$2,340 00
County tax,	2,928 92
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	\$5,268 92

SUPPORT COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for support Sally Hastings,	\$94 71
Mary F. Allen,	69 00
Julia Lynch,	55 62
Susan Dwinells,	102 90
Sullivan Silver,	52 58
Abigail Hardy,	51 75
John Dwinells,	65 56

Paid for support William Burke,	\$46 04
Daniels' family,	4 00
Barnes Hazelton,	55 00
Thomas Cilley,	48 00
Joseph W. Hagar,	113 78
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	\$758 94

TOWN PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered Susan Baker,	\$163 50
Angeline Kelley,	230 99
Gould Brown,	26 00
Moses Kezer,	10 00
Betsy Gage,	1 45
Charles N. Kezer,	7 75
Tramps,	110 50
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	\$550 19

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid George N. Watkins, lists of 1876-77,	\$59 68
E. A. Boutwell, lists of 1874-5,	50 01
H. H. Crowell, list of 1878,	60 08
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	\$169 77

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Benjamin Clough, labor in District No. 51,	\$25 00
M. F. Hoyt,	37, 1 50
W. H. Makepiece,	49, 1 50
A. H. Currier, freight on shingles,	27 83
John L. French, labor in District No. 48,	2 67
J. M. Hook, shingling Rowell's Bridge,	17 00
Ira Whitcher, shingles for Rowell's Bridge,	173 16
G. A. Stevens, labor on Rowell's Bridge,	28 28
G. A. Stevens, labor in District No. 15,	22 80
C. F. Clough,	51, 8 50
E. A. Boutwell,	52, 20 00

Paid Walter C. Ayer, labor in District No.	27,	\$11 12
E. A. Boutwell, lumber in District No.	1,	4 87
E. B. Dunbar, labor on railing	1,	1 20
Jeremiah Abbott, labor in District No.	33,	18 00
J. F. & E. D. Burnham, lumber for bridges,	70	23
C. C. Burnham, labor in District No.	35,	1 90
F. H. Carr, lumber for Rowell's Bridge,		4 20
George E. Foss, labor in District No.	1,	9 23
H. D. Dustin,	14,	1 54
S. A. Hardy,	20,	5 91
G. K. Weeks,	9,	3 75
S. G. Bradbury,	45,	8 74
G. K. Goodrich,	38,	2 00
C. W. Underhill,	1,	10 00

\$480 93

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid S. W. Perry, error in taxes,	\$3 68
J. F. Jones, taking depositions,	3 00
J. F. Jones, interest on Lerner legacy,	30 00
M. T. Clough, maintaining water trough,	1 50
J. F. Jones, services of auditors,	18 00
A. C. Sargent, maintaining water trough,	1 50
G. G. Bailey, board of auditors,	13 25
John E. Baker, damage to sleigh,	3 50
Lucy A. Lerner, error in taxes,	1 84
L. H. Dearborn, bounty on foxes,	4 00
W. A. Currier, bounty on foxes,	3 00
E. A. Boutwell, stationery and blanks,	28 22
S. S. Kimball, snowing Tyler's bridge,	8 00
E. A. Boutwell, printing town reports,	42 00
Perkins & Ballard, insurance on town house,	50 00
C. H. Harriman, return of births and deaths,	1 00
R. P. Flanders, snowing and lighting Contoocook bridge,	18 00
E. A. Boutwell, services after settlement,	10 00
W. T. Green, land for tramp's house,	10 00
G. A. Stevens, bedding for	5 00
G. A. Stevens, express on covering for hearses,	50
G. A. Stevens, services after settlement,	9 00

Paid L. H. Dearborn, services after settlement,	\$10 00
L. H. Dearborn, bedding for tramp's house,	10 15
A. H. Currier, fght. on hearses from Worcester,	36 00
H. E. Dow, blacksmith work on tramp's house,	1 25
E. A. Boutwell, expenses to Worcester for hearses,	7 00
J. M. Merrill, labor on tramp's house,	5 62
J. M. Milton, snowing Blackwater bridge,	5 00
Woodbury Hardy, land to widen road near J. H. George's,	75 00
E. A. Boutwell, paid for two hearses,	572 00
John S. Straw, snowing Henniker new bridge,	4 00
Herman Burt, building wall near J. H. George's,	45 38
E. H. Edmands, error in taxes,	4 00
G. C. Blaisdell, return of births and deaths,	2 00
G. A. Stevens, clearing up cemetery at Con- toocook,	5 00
L. H. Tyler, error in taxes,	10 00
Carlos F. Hardy, damage to wagon, in Dist. No. 20,	4 00
G. A. Stevens, making and erecting guide boards and posts,	19 03
G. B. Hardy, notifying town officers,	4 00
G. A. Stevens, labor, lumber and materials for tramp's house,	26 83
Otis M. Brown, for fire engine No. 1, at Con- toocook,	84 00
Aaron Smith, labor in cemetery,	3 00
Aaron Smith, labor on tramp's house,	3 40
J. Y. Mugridge, term fee and services in Dr. Rogers' case,	20 00
Isaac Rowell, snowing Rowell's bridge,	6 00
H. F. Edmands, services as constable,	2 00
E. B. Dunbar, labor and materials on tramp's House,	15 77
A. Hardy, labor and nails on tramp's house,	5 28
G. W. Currier, interest on Lerner legacy,	25 00
Barlow Upton, repairing hearse sleds,	12 00
H. W. Greene, services and expenses in Dr. Rogers' case,	49 92
Alexander Rogers, return of births and deaths,	2 00

Paid James Bailey, damage to sleigh and harness,	
Dist. No. 38,	\$8 00
Cyrus Dustin, error in taxes,	10 00
J. W. Wilson, return of births and deaths,	2 25
A. C. Sargent, maintaining watering trough,	1 50
G. A. Stevens, bounty on hawks and foxes,	8 80
D. L. Gage, drawing and notifying jurors,	2 12
M. T. Clough, maintaining watering trough,	1 50
D. L. Gage & Co., covering for hearses,	2 08
D. L. Gage, postage and stationery,	5 18
E. B. Dunbar, repairing hearse sleds,	10 00
G. A. Stevens, postage and stationery,	3 00
D. L. Gage, record of marriages, births and deaths,	17 50
C. H. Harriman, return of births and deaths,	3 50
J. F. Jones, interest on note,	30 00
L. H. Dearborn, lumber for tramp's house,	25 92
H. H. Crowell, non-resident highway tax, paid in labor,	43 96
G. A. Curtice, nails, bolts, screws and cotton cloth,	14 12
Joseph Derry, labor and iron for tramp's house,	2 50
E. A. Boutwell, horse hire,	15 00
G. A. Stevens, " "	10 00
L. H. Dearborn, " "	8 00
William Colby, error in footing tax-list 1872-3,	67 52
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	\$1,632 07

DOG TAX.

Received from town treasurer, \$30 76

Accounted for as follows :

Paid H. J. Chandler, damage to sheep,	\$6 76
G. E. Merrill, " "	5 00
I. W. Fellows, " "	8 00
Amos Frye, " "	3 00
E. Merrill, " "	3 00
J. W. Wilson, " "	5 00
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	\$30 76

CONTOOCOOK PRECINCT TAX.

Paid Isaac D. Merrill, \$100 00

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid W. B. Whittemore, District No. 2, \$155 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. A. Stone, services as superintending school committee,	\$34 50
H. D. Dustin, services as superintending school committee,	35 00
C. C. Lord, services as superintending school committee,	34 25
D. L. Gage, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. A. Boutwell, selectman,	140 00
L. H. Dearborn, “	112 00
G. A. Stevens, “	143 00
H. H. Crowell, collector,	100 00
G. A. Curtice, treasurer,	50 00
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	\$673 75

Total of selectmen's account, \$12,675 99

The auditors find the account of the selectmen correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN STEVENS KIMBALL,	} Auditors.
HENRY H. CROWELL,	
HARVEY CHASE,	

Hopkinton, March 1, 1879.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Town bonds against town,		\$17,700 00
Taxes uncollected 1872-3,	\$41 41	
“ “ 1874-5,	182 53	
“ “ 1876-7,	173 95	
“ “ 1878,	1,652 93	
Cash and securities on hand,	1,470 44	\$3,521 26
Amount of indebtedness,		\$14,178 74

ELI A. BOUTWELL, } *Selectmen*
 LEWIS H. DEARBORN, } *of*
 GILMON A. STEVENS, } *Hopkinton.*

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

Received for sale of liquors, barrels, keg and faucet,	\$167 72
Returned to selectmen—casks, spirits, can, tunnels, measures, &c., costing originally,	\$14 87

JOHN STEVENS KIMBALL, *Former Agent.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

G. A. Curtice in account with the Town of Hopkinton,
as treasurer, for 1878.

1. Tax account.

Resident tax,	\$10,916 00	
Non-resident tax,	528 22	
Non-resident precinct tax,	85	
Resident precinct tax,	156 50	
Resident school house tax,	115 40	
Non-resident school house tax,	43 03	
Dog tax,	129 00	
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		\$11,889 00
Taxes uncollected for 1872-3,	\$153 65	
“ “ “ 1874-5,	317 79	
“ “ “ 1876-7,	2,973 80	
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		\$3,445 24
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		\$15,334 24

Accounted for as follows :

Cash from collector, 1872-3,	\$112 24	
“ “ “ 1874-5,	135 26	
“ “ “ 1876-7,	2,799 85	
“ “ “ 1878,	10,236 07	
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		\$13,283 42
Taxes uncollected 1872-3,	\$41 41	
“ “ 1874-5,	182 53	
“ “ 1876-7,	173 95	
“ “ 1878,	1,652 93	
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		\$2,050 82
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		\$15,334 24

2. An account of the Lerved legacy :

Securities on hand,	\$500 00	
Interest collected,	30 00	
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Accounted for as follows :

Securities on hand,	\$500 00	
Interest carried to cash account,	30 00	
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3. Cash account :

Cash on hand at settlement, March 1,		
1878,	\$121 28	
Collector of taxes, 1872-3,	112 24	
“ “ “ 1874-5,	135 26	
“ “ “ 1876-7,	2,799 85	
“ “ “ 1878,	10,236 07	
Interest on Lerved legacy,	30 00	
Savings bank tax,	2,175 18	
Railroad tax,	174 93	
Literary fund,	129 13	
Insurance tax,	5 25	
Support county paupers,	758 94	
J. S. Kimball, former liquor agent,	167 72	
Sale of hearses,	22 00	
License for exhibition,	1 00	
Plank sold,	1 00	
Interest on taxes 1872-3,	2 68	
Rent of house,	12 00	
Money for pauper, refunded,	7 00	
Richardson heirs, highway tax,	8 96	
	<hr/>	\$16,900 49

Accounted for as follows :

Orders drawn by selectmen,	\$12,734 54
Interest on town bonds,	16 20
Town bonds paid,	900 00
Coupons paid,	1,110 00

Cash paid for note given 1878,	\$669 31	
Cash and securities on hand,	1,470 44	
	<hr/>	\$16,900 49

The auditors certify that they have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN STEVENS KIMBALL,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
HENRY H. CROWELL,	
HARVEY CHASE,	

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The general character of the Schools of this Town during the past year has been uniform with that of the immediately previous years, and their conduct and success has been as good as the average of schools in towns similarly situated.

We have to note a decrease in the number of school districts. On the 11th of May last, the Superintending School Committee, in legal conjunction with the Selectmen, upon proper petition and after appropriate hearing of parties, united the former districts, number 20 and number 21, into one new district, to be known as number 20. In the opinion of the Superintending School Committee, this act was a wise one, and they earnestly recommend the union of many of our smaller districts, thereby making larger, better and cheaper schools.

The statistical page of the present report is designed to state more accurately than ever before, the actual situation of our different schools for the year. The Superintending School Committee, pursuing the plan of the State authority, have endeavored to present such statistical facts as would leave no margin of mere conjecture in regard to the subject presented, aiming at the same time at the nearest possible fulfillment of the requirements of the law.

The compilation of statistics has been attended with some difficulty, owing to present unavoidable impediments; but the result, we feel sure, is nearer correct than any previous similar statement published in the town. In behalf of the public welfare, we advise all Prudential Committees and Teachers to cultivate more acquaintance with the statistical requirements of the educational laws of our State.

The whole number of scholars of all ages in town, as returned by the Selectmen, is 442. The number between 5 and 15 years of age is 251 : boys, 123 ; girls, 128.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—HOPKINTON VILLAGE.

Prudential Committee, H. W. GREENE AND H. CHASE.

First Term.—Miss M. H. Coombs, Teacher. This term began with a good number of scholars, and with fine promise. Miss Coombs is a teacher of experience and ability ; quick, apt to teach, and a good disciplinarian. The school was a success with the exception of the last two weeks in July. Scholars learn little under the best of teachers, in the hot summer months. Wages, \$28 per month.

Second Term.—This term was taught by Mr. John Pickard of Canterbury. Mr. Pickard came to this school with experience as a teacher. His school was a decided success. The examination indicated a marked improvement in appearance of the school, and in scholarship. It was a profitable term for the district. The year was well closed.

Wages, \$32 per month. s.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—EMERSON'S HILL.

JOSEPH R. ELLIOTT, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer and Winter Terms.—Both terms were taught by Mrs. A. P. Dow of Webster. Much interest was manifested by the teacher for the welfare of the school. The scholars deserve much praise for their diligence, good behavior, and improvement.

One hundred and sixty dollars have been expended in repairing the school-house.

Wages, \$22 and \$26 per month. D.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—HATFIELD.

GEORGE W. PIERCE, *Prudential Committee.*

Summer Term.—Miss Luella E. Straw, Teacher. Miss Straw is an experienced and successful teacher, and on this occasion confirmed her previous reputation, making this term profitable to all the pupils.

Winter Term.—The winter term in this district was taught by Miss Helen M. White. The school increased considerably in numbers during the term, thus giving the committee an opportunity of only one observation of a large portion of the pupils. The general appearance of the school was good, while some of the classes, geographical particularly, were better than the average.

Wages, \$20 and \$24 per month. L.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—SUGAR HILL.

SHERMAN F. HOLMES, *Prudential Committee.*

Summer Term.—Miss Ada M. Whittemore, Teacher. This was Miss Whittemore's first term. The examination was not what we should have expected from an experienced teacher, but upon the whole, commendable to Miss W. The intense hot weather, just at the close of this term no doubt injured this school. The appearance of the school-house on the last day, was unusually tasty and neat with skillful decoration.

Winter Term.—The winter term of this district was also taught by Miss Whittemore. The school suffered interruption and disarrangement on account of the illness of both teacher and pupils, but at the close, the appearance was as good as the average in town among pupils of similar ages.

Wages, \$18 and \$20 per month. L.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTH ROAD.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, *Prudential Committee*.

First Term.—Teacher, Miss Estella Phelps. This school began May 6th, with six scholars, and closed July 11, with four scholars. Miss Phelps began the school with some experience, and succeeded well, with a small school in which to show her abilities. She knows how to teach. Her skill in teaching small scholars is to be commended.

Wages, \$20 per month.

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Second Term.—Warren B. Barton, Teacher. Mr. Barton managed his school with profit to his scholars. The examination indicated that the teacher had been faithful. We take pleasure in commending the school for good order, good teaching, and an apparent good understanding by the scholars of what they had gone over.

Wages, \$25 per month.

s.

DISTRICT NO. 6. JEWETT ROAD.

JOHN W. BROCKWAY, *Prudential Committee*.

First Term.—Miss Etta Brockway, Teacher. Though without experience, Miss Brockway succeeded well with her school. The examination gave evidence of a capacity to teach, and of faithfulness in instruction. Even progress was made by the pupils.

Wages, \$20 per month.

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Second Term.—Fred J. Brockway, Teacher. It has given much pleasure to see Mr. Brockway in this school as instructor. A good scholar, and apt to teach, he made the term most profitable for the district. The last two weeks of the term was taught by Miss Helen H. Colby, and well.

Wages, \$28 per month, and well spent.

s.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—MAIN ROAD.

E. G. RUNNELS, *Prudential Committee*.

Miss Sarah A. Phelps of Tilton, Teacher. There were two terms of school taught in this district this year, of twenty-three weeks, by Miss Phelps. She has had some experience in the school before entering it this season, which was of advantage to her, and to the scholars.

The examinations gave evidence of faithful instruction, albeit the usual embarrassment at the blackboard. Sickness had somewhat interfered with the attendance of a few scholars.

The year was in general profitable to the District, and satisfactory.

Wages, first term, \$25 per month. Second term, \$26. *L. S.*

DISTRICT NO. 8. BEECH HILL.

C. C. BURNHAM, *Prudential Committee*.

This district was so fortunate as to secure for this year, as well as last, the services of Miss Eva F. Burnham as teacher, for both terms. We are happy to repeat the commendation of the Committee of last year. The school ranks as No. 1, in all respects. We are confident, with the district, that the school was most profitable.

Wages, \$20 per month, first term. \$23, second. s.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—TYLER'S.

L. H. TYLER, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Miss Mary J. Tyler, Teacher. This school, a small one, and composed mostly of young scholars, made a good appearance in general. The mathematics was particularly good for so young children. There was a carelessness in pronunciation that ought to have been corrected.

The closing exercises were very pleasant and well arranged. The winter term was also taught by Miss T., with excellent success in all the branches.

Wages, \$4.50 and \$5.00 per week. L.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—CONTOOCOOK.

CHAS. A. MORRILL, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Taught by Miss H. Paulina Heath.

The right teacher in the right place, was wisely employed. Miss Heath is an experienced teacher, having taught many terms in town, but in this school with unusual good success. The scholars all seemed interested in the school and good progress was made. We found a good number of the scholars names registered in the Roll of Honor. D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Mr. E. Harvey Edmunds.

We do not hesitate to say that those who attended the school were orderly, and applied themselves to their studies. The school appeared well at the examination; the progress being very creditable to pupils and teacher. Irregularity of attendance is a prominent evil of this school.

Wages, \$30 and \$40 per month. D.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—CLEMENT'S HILL.

ALFRED S. HASTINGS, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Taught by Miss Mattie George of Webster.

Under Miss George's instruction, the school fully sustained the high standard which it has so long enjoyed.

The examination at the close of each term was highly interesting, and showed excellent improvement. D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Mr. Thomas B. Richardson.

Mr. R. is a teacher of large experience with a manner of teaching adapted to the wants of his scholars. Great

progress was made in all the studies. Much general instruction was given.

Wages, \$24 and \$30.

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DISTRICT NO. 12.—STUMPFIELD.

JOHN F. CURRIER, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Miss Carrie J. Dow, Teacher. This was Miss Dow's first term, and as a new teacher, she succeeded admirably. The closing appearance of the school was very commendable.

The Winter Term of this school was begun by Mr. John H. Sargent, who left the school at the end of four weeks, in circumstances which reflected no discredit on himself. The term was finished by Mr. John Pickard. The close revealing satisfactory evidences of progress.

Wages, \$10 and \$30 per month.

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DISTRICT NO. 13.—PUTNEY'S HILL.

M. T. CLOUGH, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Miss Mary J. Dearborn, Teacher.

This was Miss Dearborn's first school. The last day of school was very hot, the mercury being one hundred degrees in the shade. Considering the extreme weather, the school appeared as well as could be expected; in other circumstances, we have no doubt there would have been abundant evidence of a successful term.

The Winter Term of this district was taught by Rev. Charles Haddon. Mr. H. is a thorough scholar, and adopts the plan of requiring thoroughness of the pupil, even if but few steps forward are taken, and never fixes up his school for the last day: consequently, there is less outside polish at the close, but perhaps as much substantial results

as attends the more popular method. The reading classes were unusually fine. A good deal of profitable attention was paid to penmanship.

Wages, \$18 and \$32 per month.

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DISTRICT NO. 14.—GAGE'S.

JAMES M. CONNOR, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Miss Sarah J. Winslow, Teacher. The appearance of this school at the close, indicated a faithful accomplishment of a good deal of work. There was a laxity of order which ought to have been amended. There was less carelessness in pronunciation than in most of the schools in town. The presence of a good dictionary on the teacher's desk explains the fact. Miss Winslow also taught the Winter term in this district, with equal if not better general success.

Wages, \$16 and \$18.

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DISTRICT NO. 16.—WEST HOPKINTON.

FRANK CARR, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Clara A. Flanders.

The school appeared well at the examination, the order and deportment being very creditable to teacher and pupils. The progress made was very satisfactory to all. D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Miss Elvira J. Buckman of Henniker. Miss B. labored earnestly to make the term profitable to all. Every thing connected with this school was in perfect order. We feel justified in saying this was a profitable term.

Wages, \$22 and \$24 per month.

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DISTRICT NO. 17.—CURRIER'S.

JOSEPH BARNARD, *Prudential Committee*.

This school was taught through the year by Miss Mary L. Flanders, who is a teacher of quite large experience. She carried her small school through the year successfully and profitably to the pupils. The examination indicated good order, thorough instruction, and good progress made in all the branches taught.

Miss Flanders is one of our most efficient teachers.

Wages, \$20 per month. S.

DISTRICT NO. 18.—BUSWELL'S CORNER.

JEREMIAH W. ABBOTT, *Prudential Committee*.

Miss Hattie M. Hodgdon, Teacher. There was but one term in this district this year.

At the beginning we found three scholars, and at the end there were five; only one, however, of those present on the first day, was present at the close. Judging from such observation as we were able to make, Miss H. appeared to have accomplished fair results for a beginner, it being her first term.

Wages, \$5 per week. L.

DISTRICT NO. 19.—BLACKWATER.

BENJAMIN F. FLANDERS, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer Term.—Taught by Miss Alice Montgomery.

Although a young teacher, she labored hard for the advancement of her pupils, and her success with most of them was satisfactory. D.

Fall Term.—Taught by Miss Emma J. Flanders.

Miss F. is a diligent and devoted teacher, she seemed to have the good will and respect of her pupils.

The school was satisfactory. D.

Winter Term.—Taught by Mr. Amos C. Whittier of Warner. Mr. W. appeared well qualified to teach, and was quite successful in some respects, though failing to maintain a system of discipline suited to a part of his scholars, his efforts were not so beneficial as they otherwise would have been.

Wages, \$16, \$14 and \$15 per month.

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DISTRICT NO. 20.—NORTH CONTOOCCOOK.

ORRIN CHASE, *Prudential Committee*.

Summer and Fall Terms.—Taught by Miss Clara I. Gould.

Miss Gould spared no labor to promote the best interests of the school. Her aim has been to awaken an interest in study. From what we saw of the school, we should judge that good progress was made.

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Winter Term.—Taught by Mr. Charles Gould.

Mr. Gould has had more experience than any teacher in town. His experience was made apparent by his well ordered school.

Wages, \$20 and \$30 per month.

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DISTRICT NO. 24.—FARRINGTON'S CORNER.

H. H. CROWELL, *Prudential Committee*.

First Term.—Teacher, Miss Lizzie J. Bunten. Attendance 6 scholars. Your Committee are confident that it is difficult to teach a very small school. Ambition in either scholars or teacher, is well nigh impossible. But Miss Bunten succeeded well. She gave evidence of being a patient, painstaking teacher. The four small scholars present on examination day, appeared to have well spent their time during the term. The school was evidently a profitable one to the few in attendance.

Wages, \$20 per month.

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Second Term.—Harvey L. Boutwell, Teacher.

This term was marked by an increased attendance. The school was well conducted, with profit to scholars, and much satisfaction to the district. We recommend that the services of Mr. Boutwell be secured again.

Wages, \$24 per month.

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The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES A. LORD,
CLARENDON A. STONE, } *Superintending*
HENRY D. DUSTIN, } *School*
 Committee.

To Messrs. Eli A. Boutwell, Lewis H. Dearborn and
Gilmon A. Stevens, Selectmen of Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, N. H., Feb. 25, 1879.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NO. OF DISTRICT.	NAME OF DISTRICTS.	WEEKS OF SCHOOL.	WEEKS IN SUMMER.	WEEKS IN WINTER.	WEEKS TAUGHT BY MALES.	WEEKS TAUGHT BY FEMALES.	WHOLE NO. OF SCHOLARS.	NOT LESS THAN 5 YEARS.	BETWEEN 5 AND 15 NOT AT SCHOOL.	UNION DISTRICTS.
1	Village,	22	10	12	12	10	40	39		
2	Emerson's Hill,	18	8	10		18	13	13		
3	Hatfield,	23	9	14		23	23	23	1	
4	Sugar Hill,	22	10	12		22	13	12		
5	South Road,	21	9	12	12	9	13	13		
6	Jewett Road,	21	8	13	13	8	15	14		
7	Main Road,	23	10	13		23	19	19		
8	Beech Hill,	19	9	10		19	12	11		
9	Tyler's,	21	9	12		21	8	8		
10	Contoocook,	31	19	12	12	19	39	39		
11	Clement's Hill,	26	18	8	8	18	31	31		
12	Stumpfield,	19	9	10	10	9	8	8		
13	Putney's Hill,	17	8	9	9	8	11	11		
14	Gage's,	21	8	13		21	8	8		
16	West Hopkinton,	23	10	13		23	15	14		
17	Currier's,	26	10	16		26	10	10	2	
18	Buswell's Corner,	13		13		13	3	2	1	1
19	Blackwater,	30	20	10	10	20	19	19		
20	No. Contoocook,	30	20	10	10	20	20	20		
24	Farrington's Corner,	23	10	13	13	10	11	11	1	1

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